(c) to (f) HFC and FCIL are closed companies in pursuance of various Cabinet decisions in the year 2002. Shirdi is not a unit of FCIL. Sindri is a unit of FCIL. On recommendations of Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL) and other recommendations, the proposals are under consideration of the Government for revival of FCIL and HFC including Sindri unit of FCIL and Barauni and Durgapur units of HFC. No definite time frame could be indicated for revival of these companies at this stage.

Removal of chemical wastes from Union Carbide premises

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SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received some proposals for removal of poisonous chemical wastes after examining the same which is at present dumped at Union Carbide Factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are formulating any other scheme for removal of the said poisonous chemical wastes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has constituted a Task Force for monitoring the process of the removal of the chemical wastes lying in and around the UCIL premises while hearing the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in Writ Petition No. 2802/2004 in the High Court. The Task Force has recommended that approximately 350 MT of various toxic wastes may be sent for incineration at the incinerator at Ankleshwar, Gujarat and approximately 40 MT of Lime Sludge may be sent to the Transportation, Storage and Disposal Facility at Pithampur, near Indore. The High Court is regularly monitoring the progress made by the Task Force and has issued necessary directions to the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.